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CLERGY AND LAYMEN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM
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(WFOfile 100-48660) (RUC)

RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS

SM - MISCELLANEOUS

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(WFOfile 100-48551) (RUC)

Re New York teletype, 10/24/68, and Bureau airtel,
11/4/68.

Enclosed are fifteen and two copies of an LHM for
the Bureau and New York, respectively, dated as above in the
captioned matter, setting forth the results of a review of
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Copies of the photo appearing on the passport application
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December 4, 1968

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CLERGY AND LAYMEN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM

RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS
SECURITY MATTER - MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on November 13, 1968, disclosed that Richard John Neuhaus was issued Passport Number J1290539 on October 21, 1968, at New York, for a proposed seven day business conference in France and Sweden. In his application dated October 21, 1968, at New York, he indicated that he planned to travel by air, and that he expected to take another trip abroad within two years. This passport was valid for five years' travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

He stated that he was born on May, 14, 1936, at Pembroke, Ontario, Canada, and the file shows that his birth certificate was seen by passport authorities. His permanent residence was listed as 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, New York. His parents were listed as Clemens Henry Neuhaus, born at Steeleville, Illinois, on October 9, 1900, and Ella Prange, born at Crocketts Bluff, Arkansas, on November 28, 1902. He was never married and requested that [redacted]

[redacted] be notified in the event of death or accident.

The file contained the following description:

Height:	Five feet ten inches
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Gray
Occupation:	Clergyman
Social Security Number:	450-56-0731

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TITLE OF CASE RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPE b6 ca. b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - MISCELLANEOUS (ECOSL)	

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype, dated 12/31/70, captioned "EAST COAST CONSPIRACY TO SAVE LIVES (ECOSL), IS-MISCELLANEOUS DGP; KIDNAPPING; SABOTAGE - CONSPIRACY".

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

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Bufile 25-567776, NYfile 25-124865, captioned "RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS; ANTI-DRAFT ACTIVITIES; DECEMBER 4 - 8, 1967; MATERIAL MAILED TO US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE." AUSA MICHAEL ROSEN, EDNY, USDC on 2/13/69 advised that he declined prosecution in this matter as he felt the case lacked prosecutable merit.

CGfile 176-87, Office of Origin - CG; NYfile 176-104, captioned "RICHARD J. NEUHAUS, ARL". The opinion of the USA, CG was not stated in NYO file.

SA [redacted] made the pretext telephone call on 1/6/71 representing himself as a religious periodical salesman.

There are no Bureau approved characterizations of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, Women's Strike For Peace, National Committee For A Sane Nuclear Policy, and Americans For a Democratic Action.

Subject's activities at this time do not warrant inclusion on either the Reserve or Security Index.

The attached report was classified "~~Confidential~~" since it contains information from NY T-2, NY T-5, NY T-6 and NY T-8, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be detrimental to the national defense interests of the country.

INFORMANTS:

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The following informants were contacted regarding
the subject with negative results:

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Title:

RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - MISCELLANEOUS

Synopsis:

RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS, born 5/14/36 in Canada; acquired US citizenship through parents born in US; and is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Lutheran Church, 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, NY. Was co-chairman of founding committee of Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam (CLCAV) in about November, 1965, and member of its Steering Committee in January, 1970. Utilized church as sanctuary for draft resistor in November, 1967 and for collection of draft cards of youth expressing opposition to Vietnam War in December, 1967. Was arrested in Chicago on 8/29/68 during mass demonstrations in connection with Democratic National Convention. Was member of CLCAV delegation in October, 1968 to visit American deserters in Sweden and contact representatives of North Vietnamese Government at Paris Peace Talks. Other activities expressing opposition to Vietnam War stated.

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PREDICATION

[redacted] was sentenced on 7/5/68 for violation of Title 18, United States Code (USC), Section 371; Title 18, USC, Section 1361; and Title 50, USC Section 462(A). [redacted] became a fugitive and was arrested on April 21, 1970 in New York City.

An address book found in the possession of [redacted] at the time of his arrest, included the name and address of "DICK NEUHAUS, 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn 11206, EV 4-3567."

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GROUP 1

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data:

Reverend RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS was interviewed on February 17, 1969 by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), United States Department of Justice (USDJ), at the office of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, New York. He stated he was born on May 14, 1936 at Pembroke, Ontario, Canada, the son of CLEMENS HENRY NEUHAUS, who was born on October 9, 1900 at Steelville, Illinois and ELLA CAROLINA WILHELMINA PRANGE, who was born on November 28, 1902 at Fort Wayne, Indiana and that his parents were married in Arkansas in 1926.

Records, INS
March 20, 1969

NEUHAUS was born on May 14, 1936 at Pembroke, Ontario Canada, according to his birth certificate as seen by passport authorities. His parents were listed as CLEMENS HENRY NEUHAUS, born at Steelville, Illinois on October 9, 1900 and ELLA PRANGE, born at Crocketts Bluff, Arkansas on November 28, 1902.

Records of Passport Office
United States Department of State
(USDS)
November 13, 1968

B. Citizenship Status

NEUHAUS acquired United States citizenship at birth, outside the United States to United States citizen parents, who were born and married in the United States. He came to the United States in August, 1949 and has resided here since then. He advised that his father in 1939 became a naturalized Canadian.

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citizen, and his mother retained United States citizenship until about 1966 when she became a naturalized Canadian citizen. U

Records of INS
March 20, 1969

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Records of Passport Office
USDS
November 13, 1968

C. Education

NEUHAUS studied in the United States for the Divinity and was ordained a reverend of the Lutheran Church. U

Records, INS
March 20, 1969

D. Marital Status

As of October, 1968, NEUHAUS was never married. U

Records of United States
Passport Office,
November 13, 1968

E. Occupation

NEUHAUS is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Special Agent (SA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
(FBI)
under suitable pretext
January 6, 1971 U

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F. Residence

NEUHAUS resides in the rectory at 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, New York. U

SA, FBI
January 6, 1971

II. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

A. Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam (CLCAV)

In about November, 1965, an ad hoc committee of Clergy Concerned About Vietnam, later known as the CLCAV was formed and issued a letter stating that "we believe that further escalation of the war in Vietnam would be a political, a military, and above all, a moral tragedy. The role of the religious community is crucial in expressing and developing support for the settlement of the war by a patient quest for peace as against an impatient military solution to human problems." U

The co-chairmen of the ad hoc committee were given as [redacted] and Reverend RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS. b6 b7C

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NY T-1
November 10, 1965

In an article entitled "Activities On The Peace Front", it was stated "It is the conviction of most of us that the war in Vietnam is not a just one", almost 500 religious leaders declared in a resolution adopted November 28, 1965 at a New York rally sponsored by Clergy Concerned About Vietnam Committee. Co-chairman at the meeting was RICHARD NEUHAUS, a Lutheran Minister. U

"National Guardian"
December 4, 1965
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A characterization of the "Guardian" formerly the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix section of this report. U

"Clergymen Denounce Government Attempts to Stop Dissent on Vietnam" was the title of an article which stated that among the signers of the clergymen's statement was the Reverend RICHARD J. NEUHAUS, Church of St. John the Evangelist (Lutheran), Brooklyn. U

"The Worker"
November 2, 1965
Page 3

"The Worker" was a former east coast communist newspaper.

An article entitled "New York Clergy To Meet January 30 on Concern About Vietnam" stated that "The Clergy Concerned About Vietnam has called an emergency meeting of all Christian and Jewish leaders in the New York area on January 30, at 7:00 PM at Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street. The meeting will be chaired by Pastor RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS." U

"The Worker"
January 25, 1966
Page 3

An article "Clergymen Toll Bells Against Viet War" stated that "Three Clergymen tolled the bells of St. Marks On-The-Bouwerie, Second Avenue and 10th Street on Ash Wednesday to protest against the Vietnam War. Among the three was the Reverend RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS, Protestant co-chairman for Clergy Concerned About Vietnam." U

"The Worker"
March 1, 1966
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In an article entitled "Women, Clergy To March Against War", the following was stated:

"A 'prayer and protest' march against the Vietnam war has been called for Wednesday, October 19, from noon to 2:00 PM by Clergy Concerned About Vietnam and Women Strike For Peace.

"In their call, the Clergy Concerned about Vietnam and the Women Strike for Peace demanded an immediate cessation of US bombing and the beginning of a clearly stated, swiftly paced policy of withdrawal.

"Demonstrators will meet at Bryant Park, 42nd Street and Sixth Avenue, and walk passed 45th Street and Lexington Avenue, where notes calling for an end to the war will be delivered to the offices of Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Jacob Javits. The march will continue to the UN Plaza to hear among others the Reverend Richard John Neuhaus, Pastor, Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist, and Co-chairman of Clergy Concerned About Vietnam.

"The Worker"
October 18, 1966
Page 3

The following was stated in an article entitled "18 Clerics Back Draft Resisters - Pledge to Risk Fine or Jail to Aid Right of Conscience".

"Detroit - October 25 - 18 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders pledged today to risk fine or imprisonment to assist those who resist the military draft on the ground of conscience.

"They were joined by about 50 delegates to the United States conference on church and society and the commitment to 'keep faith with those who refuse to surrender their conscience to the State'.

"The pledge was contained in a statement issued here by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, an

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interfaith group formed two years ago to protest American policy in Vietnam. The signers emphasized that they were acting only as individuals.

"The statement quoted the section of the Selective Service Act that states that anyone 'who knowingly counsels, aid or abets another to refuse or evade registration or service in the Armed Forces shall be liable to imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of \$10,000 or both'.

"It continued: We hereby possibly counsel all who in conscience cannot today serve in the Armed Forces to refuse such service by non-violent means.

"We pledge ourselves to aid and abet them in anyway we can. This means that if they are now arrested for failing to comply with a law that violates their consciences, we too must be arrested, for in the sight of the law we are now guilty as they.

"Among the signers was the Reverend Richard Neuhaus."

"New York Times"
October 26, 1967
Page 10

"Church - Draft Resistor Avoiding Toe-to-Toe Showdown with US" was the title of an article which stated as follows:

"A confrontation between morality and government has been forestalled by an ingrown toenail.

"At least that's the Selective Service explanation for postponing the induction of Cornell honor student, Matthew Clark, who was granted a three months' administrative deferment.

"Pastor Richard Neuhaus of St. John Evangelist Church, 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, sees it differently.

"Clark yesterday was supposed to hold a press conference at the Church after refusing to be sworn in at his draft board in Baltimore in protest against the Vietnam conflict.

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"Neuhaus and other Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam had billed this as the first instance of draft resisters seeking sanctuary from the law in church.

"The concept was to have Clark seek refuge in the church after refusing to serve, thus in the words of Reverend Neuhaus, 'forcing the Justice Department to a dramatic conflict between morality and government'.

"The confrontation never came off, but it will someday, says Neuhaus.

"He feels that the administrative deferment given Clark was a government ploy to avoid coming to grips with the problems.

"But they have to face it someday, he said. There are scores of young men, if Clark isn't given the opportunity, who are willing to go through with it.

"Church sanctuary would not be a bar against arrest, Neuhaus admitted. 'There is some doubt about the legal characterization of the sanctuary', he added. 'It wouldn't shield him from arrest but it would force the government to face the issue of a moral force such as the church which is against the war', he concluded."

"New York Post"
November 18, 1967
Page 16

The following article appeared relative to anti-draft week in December, 1967:

"Nationwide anti-draft week launched by 'Won't Go' pledges.

"A Stop the Draft Week got underway yesterday in 31 cities with rallies and demonstrations led by young men refusing to go to Vietnam and young veterans who returned from Vietnam opposed to the war.

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"In New York City, at an old red brick church in Brooklyn, 86 youths turned in their draft cards and 168 men of non-draft status submitted 'statements of complicity'.

"Over 600 people of all ages, religious and clerics, packed the St. John Evangelist Lutheran Church, 195 Maujer Street, Williamsburg, to act against the war.

"Crowds gathered in front of a housing project across the street. Many leaned out of windows. Policemen lined both sides of the street.

"Inside the church, its pastor, the Reverend Richard Neuhaus, told the audience that the anti-draft actions were being taken to 'oppose moral anarchy and the plundering and bloody bath of Vietnam. The church has no choice but to support men of courage.

"A dozen clergymen were present."

"The Worker"
December 5, 1967
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A photograph of RICHARD J. NEUHAUS appears with the caption, "Opening Stop-Draft Week at St. John the Evangelist Lutheran Church in Brooklyn".

"The Worker"
December 10, 1967
Page 12

An article entitled "Week of Protest Against the Draft Started by Anti-War Groups" stated that:

"Some 400 students, hippies, and middle-aged opponents of the draft and the Vietnam war journeyed to a small Lutheran Church in the Bushwick Section of Brooklyn.

"There in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 195 Maujer Street, Clergy and the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and

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Jewish faiths condemned the Vietnamese war as 'futile, horrifying,' and 'immoral', and applauded the youths who, by dropping their draft cards in the collection plates were risking 10 years in jail and \$5,000 fines.

"The pastor, the Reverend Richard Neuhaus, who said he had turned in his own draft card at a previous rally, told newsmen that unless the government chose to 'make a mockery out of the Selective Service law' it would have to prosecute those who turned in their draft cards which would be mailed to the Justice Department and those who signed 'complicity cards'."

"New York Times"
December 5, 1967
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On December 4, 1967, NEUHAUS sent the following letter on the letterhead of the Church of St. John the Evangelist:

"4 December 1967.

"Mr. Ramsey Clark
US Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

"Dear Mr. Clark:

"Enclosed are two packages containing items offered in a service of conscience and hope at the Church of St. John the Evangelist today.

"The first package contains Selective Service registrations and classification certificates. Other SS cards offered here today were sent directly from here to local draft boards in those instances where the young men indicated that was their desire. These cards were offered as a statement of conscience and as a declaration that these men would not cooperate with the Selective Service System.

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"The second package includes 'complicity' or anti-draft statements. The intention behind their being offered is clearly indicated on the statements themselves.

"I personally hope you will read with care some of the impressive statements of concern which the young men sent along with their SS certificates. Be assured of my prayers that you may be an instrument of turning our nation toward law founded on justice.

"Cordially

"Reverend Richard John Neuhaus"

United States Department of
Justice
December, 1967

CLCAV was preparing to send a delegation to Sweden to contact American military deserters living in that country. The purpose of the contact was to formulate plans to begin an amnesty drive to return these deserters to the United States without fear of prosecution. The amnesty drive was being undertaken because of harassment by the Swedish Government. The delegates planned to leave New York City on December 24, 1968 via Air France Flight 700 and arrive in Paris on October 25, 1968. They were to leave Paris on October 27, 1968 by Air France Flight 794 en route to Stockholm on October 30, 1968 for New York City, arriving the same day.

While the purpose of the trip was to help deserters in Stockholm, the delegation was to stop in Paris to lend assistance to American deserters there. In addition, the delegation intended to meet with representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, National Liberation Front (NLF), and the American delegates to the Peace Talks.

NY T-2
October 24, 1968

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RICHARD NEUHAUS was a member of the CLCAV delegation which departed on October 24, 1968 from New York City on Air France Flight 700 for Paris, arriving early in the morning of October 25, 1968. A press conference was held at the time by representatives of the group to announce the purpose of the trip.

On October 26, 1968, the group met with a representative of the North Vietnamese Government to the Paris Peace Talks, who refused to enter into any discussion with them regarding the talks. However, statements were made by the group sympathetic to the North Vietnamese position. The group also contacted representatives of the NLF in Paris who had requested contact with them to show solidarity for their cause. However, no discussions were entered into nor were any introductions to representatives made.

The group met with a group leader of American deserters in Paris and attended a rally on October 27, 1968 in Stockholm sponsored by American deserters.

The CLCAV group returned to New York City from Europe October 30, 1968 and planned to tour the United States to request amnesty for deserters and draft resisters.

NY T-2
November 5, 1968

This informant furnished substantially the same information as above. The informant also stated that on October 30, 1968 the CLCAV delegation met with the Minister of the Interior and the Aliens Commission of Sweden. They thanked the Swedish Government for the way the deserters have been received and for the granting of humanitarian asylum. They discussed generally the problems of the deserters, their language inability and the acquisition of work permits.

NY T-3
November 1, 1968

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A news release of the CLCAV, dated January 6, 1970 listed Reverend RICHARD NEUHAUS as a member of the CLCAV Steering Committee.

NY T4
January 9, 1970

Activities During Democratic National
Convention, Chicago, August 29, 1968

Chicago Police Department Arrest Report under RD number 2569541, reflected that RICHARD J. NEUHAUS was arrested on August 29, 1968 for disorderly conduct, specifically, failure to obey a lawful order, during the mass demonstrations in connection with the Democratic National Convention.

Records
Chicago Police Department
September, 1968

On September 19, 1968, Reverend RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS was interviewed by SAS [REDACTED] of the FBI. During this interview, Reverend NEUHAUS advised that he was an official delegate to the Democratic National Convention, representing the 14th Congressional District, Brooklyn, New York, held in Chicago, Illinois on August 26 - 29, 1968. On Thursday evening, August 29, 1968, he stated that he led a group of 26 delegates on a proposed walk from the Conrad Hilton Chicago to the amphitheater.

During this walk, they were barred by the Illinois National Guard and the Chicago Police Department from continuing the walk to the amphitheater. In defiance of the police barricades, NEUHAUS stated that he attempted to continue and was at that point arrested. NEUHAUS stated that the atmosphere of fear and tension coupled with reports of confrontations by the police led him and some of the other delegates to decide that they had to demonstrate their opposition to the tactics

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employed by the Chicago police.

SAS, FBI
September 19, 1968

Other Activities

An article entitled "8 Clerics Seized in Board Sit-in" stated that:

"The clergymen had demanded an integration timetable for the city schools.

"They were arrested February 10, 1965, for failure to leave Board of Education headquarters and arraigned before Criminal Court Judge Edward D. Calzo and released in their own custody.

"Among those arrested was Reverend J. Neuhaus, Chairman, Lutheran Human Relations Association."

"New York Times"
February 11, 1965
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A rally on "How To End The War In Vietnam Now" was held on February 9, 1967 at Public School 253, Brighton Sixth Street and Oceanview Avenue, Brooklyn, sponsored by the Kings Highway and Brighton Beach Chapters of the National Committee For A Sane Nuclear Policy, and Women's Strike For Peace. Reverend RICHARD J. NEUHAUS was one of the speakers and spoke on Vietnam and religious conscience.

NY T-5
February 10, 1967

NY T-6
February 10, 1967

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RICHARD J. NEUHAUS was among five men and two women who on July 2, 1968 had chained themselves to a former seminary student when he reported to the Whitehall Street Induction Center, New York City as ordered, for induction. According to the inductee, the demonstration was held as an effort to "bring friends inside so that all could refuse the symbolic step forward that inductees are required to take." No arrests were made.

"New York Times"
July 3, 1968

On April 3, 1968, Reverend RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS spoke at a meeting held at the New York University Law School, New York City, sponsored by Americans For A Democratic Action. At this meeting, he spoke against the draft and advocated draft card burning.

NY T - 7
January 5, 1971

On March 1, 1968, RICHARD NEUHAUS spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Williamsburg Women's Strike For Peace held at Public School 250, Brooklyn, at which time he protested United States involvement in the Vietnam War.

NY T-7
January 5, 1971

A leaflet was issued by the Brooklyn Committee in Defense of the Panthers which announced a rally on February 22, 1970 at the Siloam Presbyterian Church, Jefferson and Marcy Avenues, Brooklyn. Among the scheduled speakers listed on the leaflet was Reverend RICHARD NEUHAUS.

NY T-8
February 20, 1970

A characterization of the Black Panther Party appears in the appendix section.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants familiar with New Left and Communist Party activities in the New York area were contacted in January, 1971 and were unable to furnish any additional information regarding the subject.

IV. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained through records of INS, United States Passport Office and by observation:

Name:	RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	May 14, 1935
Place of Birth:	Canada
Height:	Five feet, 10 inches
Weight:	155 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Hazel
Complexion:	Fair
Build:	Slender
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Lutheran Church, 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, New York
Residence:	Rectory, 195 Maujer Street Brooklyn, New York
Social Security Number:	450-56-0731

APPENDIX

1.

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, [redacted]
[redacted] American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Also Known As
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized [redacted] and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then [redacted]
[redacted] This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

[redacted] BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

[redacted] in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (cont'd)

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by [REDACTED] as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is... by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the United States of America.

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APPENDIX

THE "GUARDIAN" FORMERLY KNOWN AS
"NATIONAL GUARDIAN" WEEKLY GUARDIAN
ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian:"

"1. ...'established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly... it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'"

Beginning with the February 10, 1968, issue, the "National Guardian" became the "Guardian."

The May 9, 1970 issue of the "Guardian" is self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly."

The December, 1968 issue of the "New York Times" carried an interview with the editors of the "Guardian." One of the editors stated: "Our job is to build a radical movement. To quote the Cuban Revolutionaries, we are not only to write about it, but also to move along with it...we are movement people acting as journalists."

"The 'Guardian' takes a strong left position, but it is not identified with any organized group because it believes that an American left ideology is still in the making. One of its purposes is to break away from the cliches of the left ideology of the past."

A source advised in May, 1970 that the "Guardian" is located at 32 West 22nd Street, New York, New York.

A characterization of the American Labor Party is attached separately.

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Pastor Opens Campaign for Rooney's Seat

The Rev. Richard J. Neuhaus, 33, Brooklyn pastor and a co-founder of the Clergymen and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, a peace group, announced yesterday that he would oppose Rep. John J. Rooney, Brooklyn Democrat, for his congressional seat this fall.

At a news conference at the Overseas Press Club, where he was joined by Dr. Benjamin Spock, Neuhaus called Rooney "a Vietnam hawk" and a "machine candidate."

Neuhaus, pastor of the Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist in the Williamsburg section, said that if elected he would—as a freshman congressman—defy the seniority system and the limits on floor debate. He conceded that opponents might call it disruption.

Seeks United Support

He said he hopes to get the united support of reform Democrats and independent Democrats against Rooney in the primary. Neuhaus pointed out that Rooney barely won reelection in 1968.

He added that Rooney was hurt by the redistricting this year which took away the conservative Bay Ridge area from the 14th Congressional District and added a part of Williamsburg.

"The redistricting is very, very favorable to my candidacy," Neuhaus said.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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Re Bureau airtel, 11/4/68, captioned "CLERGY AND LAYMEN CONCERNED ABOUT VIETNAM, INFORMATION CONCERNING - MISCELLANEOUS".

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

SAS [redacted] interviewed subject on 9/19/68, as previously reported in NY report of SA [redacted] dated 9/19/68, NYfile 176-104, Bufile 176-99, 00:CG.

NY indices contained no unreported subversive information pertaining to subject.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter at the NYO. It is felt by NYO that NEUHAUS' activities do not warrant further investigation at this time.

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Information Concerning - Miscellaneous

Richard John Neuhaus
Security Matters - Miscellaneous

Reference is made to memoranda dated and captioned as follows at New York: May 27, 1968, "Richard John Neuhaus, Security Matters - Miscellaneous"; October 31, 1968, "National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, and Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam.

Referenced memorandum of October 31, 1968, reflects that a delegation sponsored by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam in conjunction with the National Mobilization Committee departed New York City on October 24, 1968, for the purpose of traveling to Paris and Stockholm to talk to United States military deserters and draft evaders regarding possible plans to begin an amnesty drive to return these deserters to the United States without their prosecution. Included in this delegation was Reverend Richard John Neuhaus, Minister, Saint John the Evangelist, Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York.

"The New York Times" of February 11, 1965, on page 15, contained an article entitled, "8 Clerics Seized in board Sit-in".

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"The clergymen had demanded an integration timetable for the city schools.

"They were arrested February 10, 1965, for failure to leave Board of Education headquarters and arraigned before Criminal Court Judge Edward D. Calzo and released in their own custody.

"Among those arrested was Reverend J. Neuhaus, Chairman, Lutheran Human Relations Association."

"The January 25, 1966 edition of 'The Worker' on page 3, contains the following article entitled, 'New York Clergy to Meet January 30 on Concern about Vietnam'."

"The Clergy Concerned about Vietnam has called an emergency meeting of all Christian and Jewish leaders in the New York area on January 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street. The meeting will be chaired by Pastor Richard John Neuhaus."

"The Worker" is a former East Coast Communist newspaper which has ceased publication.

"The New York Times", Late City Edition, October 26, 1967, on page 10, contains the following article, "18 Clerics Back Draft Resisters - Pledge to Risk Fine or Jail to Aid Right of Conscience".

"Detroit - October 25 - 18 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders pledged today to risk fine or imprisonment to assist those who resist the military draft on the ground of conscience.

"They were joined by about 50 delegates to the United States conference on church and society and the commitment to 'keep faith with those who refuse to surrender their conscience to the State'.

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"The pledge was contained in a statement issued here by the Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam, an interfaith group formed two years ago to protest American policy in Vietnam. The signers emphasized that they were acting only as individuals.

"The statement quoted the section of the Selective Service Act that states that anyone 'who knowingly counsels, aids or abets another to refuse or evade registration or service in the Armed Forces shall be liable to imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of \$10,000 or both'.

"It continued: We hereby possibly counsel all who in conscience cannot today serve in the Armed Forces to refuse such service by non-violent means.

"We pledge ourselves to aid and abet them in any way we can. This means that if they are now arrested for failing to comply with a law that violates their consciences, we too must be arrested, for in the sight of the law we are now as guilty as they.

"Among the signers was the Reverend Richard Neuhaus."

"The New York Times" issue of December 5, 1967, Late City Edition, on page 24, contained the following article entitled, "Week of Protest Against the Draft Stated by Anti-War Groups"

"Some 400 students, hippies, and middle-aged opponents of the draft and the Vietnam war journeyed to a small Lutheran Church in the Bushwick Section of Brooklyn.

"There in the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, 195 Maujer Street, Clergy of the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faiths condemned the Vietnamese war as 'futile, horrifying,' and 'immoral', and applauded the youths who, by dropping their draft cards in the collection plates here risking 10 years in jail and \$5,000 fines.

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"The pastor, the Reverend Richard Neuhaus, who said he had turned in his own draft card at a previous rally, told newsmen that unless the government chose to 'make a mockery out of the Selective Service law' it would have to prosecute those who turned in their draft cards which would be mailed to the Justice Department and those who signed 'complicity cards'."

Chicago Police Department Arrest Report under RD Number 2569541, reflects that Richard J. Neuhaus was arrested on August 29, 1968, for disorderly conduct, specifically, failure to obey a lawful police order. Neuhaus was arrested during mass demonstrations in connection with the Democratic National Convention.

On September 19, 1968, Reverend Richard John Neuhaus was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During this interview, Reverend Neuhaus advised that he was an official delegate to the Democratic National Convention, representing the 14th Congressional District, Brooklyn, New York. On Thursday evening, August 29, 1968, he stated that he led a group of 26 delegates on a proposed walk from the Conrad Hilton Chicago to the amphitheater.

During this walk, they were barred by the Illinois National Guard and the Chicago Police Department from continuing the walk to the amphitheater. In defiance of the police barricades, Neuhaus stated that he attempted to continue and was at that point arrested. Neuhaus stated that the atmosphere of fear and tension coupled with reports of confrontations by the police led him and some of the other delegates to decide that they had to demonstrate their opposition to the tactics employed by the Chicago police.

The following descriptive data is furnished:

Clergy and Laymen Concerned
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Richard John Neuhaus

Name	Richard John Neuhaus
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 14, 1935
Place of Birth	Canada
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Weight	135 - 140 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Pastor, Saint John the Evangelist, Lutheran Church, 195 Maujer Street, Brooklyn, New York
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RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS

Captioned individual, who you advised was born May 14, 1936, in Ontario, Canada, and holds Social Security Number 450-56-0731, was the subject of investigations by the FBI in 1968, 1969 and 1970-1971. These investigations involved anti-riot laws, Selective Service Act and a security matter. Attached is a report dated January 15, 1971, which contains the most pertinent information concerning these investigations.

In connection with another FBI investigation in 1972 involving the Harrisburg Defense Committee (HDC) for the eight individuals in the "East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives" trial, Rev. RICHARD NEUHAUS was listed as a sponsor on the "Crossroads," a publication. A copy is attached for your review. A characterization of the HDC is also attached. We are unable to determine if this individual is identical to your subject.

The central files at FBI HEADQUARTERS, the records of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with the captioned individual based upon background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

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